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Writing: Paragraphs

To help a reader understand or follow your story or composition, a writer divides the information into parts called **paragraphs**. A paragraph is a group of sentences that work together to tell about a single topic or idea. Each new paragraph is set off from the others by its first line which is **indented** (a space between the left margin and first word).

A paragraph is made up of a **topic sentence** which is usually the first sentence, **three detail sentences** that tell us more about the topic sentence, and a **concluding sentence** that restates the main idea.

Read the sample paragraph below, then compose your own paragraph using one of the prompts that follow. Be sure to give your paragraph a topic.

My Favorite Holiday

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I enjoy the feel of the cool weather, so I can snuggle up in my blanket at night. I also enjoy driving around the island with my parents to look at the Christmas lights on people's houses. My favorite part of the Christmas holiday is when my family gather for a big dinner and to open presents. I wish it was Christmas everyday!

Prompts: (Choose **ONE**)

a. **A Place I Would Like To Visit**
b. **My Favorite Person**
c. **Something I Am Good At**

Topic:_____

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